

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 133

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Leslie Harold Levinson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Leslie Harold Levinson and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levinson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Bournemouth, England, Harold Levinson earned both his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Miami, in 1957 and 1962, respectively, his LL.M. at New York University in 1964, and a J.S.D. at Columbia University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, striving to advance the noble precepts of justice, truth, and equality under the law, Mr. Levinson began his legal career as a cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union before joining the faculty of the University of Florida College of Law in 1966; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the great state of Tennessee in 1973, Harold Levinson imparted his vast knowledge and brilliant insights to the next generation of legal minds for more thirty years at Vanderbilt University Law School, where he garnered both the respect and admiration of his students and colleagues alike due to his unparalleled intellect, contagious optimism, and delightful sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levinson also served with acumen and alacrity as a visiting professor at New York University and as the Jervey Fellow in Comparative Law at Columbia University, spending the second year of the fellowship in France researching French administrative law; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar of professional responsibility, comparative law, administrative law, and accounting and known as a leading authority on legal ethics, Harold Levinson was admitted to practice law in Florida, New York, and the U.S. Supreme Court in addition to being a Certified Public Accountant; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his profession, Mr. Levinson lent his extraordinary skills and leadership abilities to numerous prestigious legal organizations, including the American Law Institute, Members Consultative Group on the Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers, Administrative Conference of the United States, National Judicial College, and the Congresses of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Caracas, Sydney, Montreal, Athens, and Bristol; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levinson was the proud father and father-in-law of Andrea and Yigal Ben-Yosef and Lara Levinson and Etay Crespen and the devoted grandfather of Daniella, Maya, Talia, and Amelia; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his sister and brother-in-law, Natasha and Norman Elmslie, and a host of family, friends, and students who will always hold him in the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, Harold Levinson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional legal scholar and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Leslie Harold Levinson reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Levinson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy